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EXTENSION OF THE SIXTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR ALGERIA

Note by the Administrator

1. The sixth country programme for Algeria was approved by the Governing Council at its special session (1992) for the programming period 1993 to 1996.

2. The socio-political situation of the country has inhibited the full implementation of the current country programme and the broad-ranging preparations necessary to initiate the first country cooperation framework (CCF). The Government has therefore requested a one-year extension of the sixth country programme. The programme review, which took place in October 1996, reaffirmed the priority of the themes proposed in the sixth country programme, whose objectives remain valid. In 1997, the reform of social and economic structures undertaken during the sixth country programme will remain relevant in the preparation of the CCF. Areas of focus will include: economic reform (investment promotion, privatization, industry and related services, small and medium-scale enterprises); job creation, focusing on youth employment; environmental protection, focusing on capacity-building; and non-hydrocarbon export development. Particular attention will be given to programmes addressing issues of women and poverty eradication within the UNDP mandate for sustainable human development.

3. The formulation process of the country cooperation framework will involve consultations among the Joint Consultative Group on Policy (JCGP) agencies with the aim of harmonizing the respective programming cycles. The CCF will cover a period of five years, starting January 1998, and will be submitted to the Executive Board in January 1998.

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the sixth country programme for Algeria for a period of one year beginning 1 January 1997.

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